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London, the 22d of October, 1714.

**I**T having been reported, that the Quakers AFFIRMATION is expired; and it being said, That several Quakers have been denyed the Benefit of it, doth give an Occasion to Publish a Copy of the Order of the House of LORDS to the Judges, to bring in a Bill for Enlarging the Time of their Affirmation: As also a Copy of the said Bill, attested by the Deputy Clerk of that House. By which Bill it doth appear, that their Affirmation doth not expire till the End of the next Session of Parliament; which shall be after the third Day of April, 1715.

### *The Order of the House of LORDS.*

Die Martis, 6 Maii, 1712.

**O**Rdered, That the Judges do prepare and bring in a Bill, to enlarge the Time for the Indulgence granted to the People called Quakers, by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the 3d, intituled, *An Act, that the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath, in the usual Form.*

### *The BILL.*

An Act for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act That the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath, in the usual Form.*

**W**HEREAS an Act, made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of his late Majesties Reign, intituled, *An Act That the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath, in the usual Form*, was made to continue for Seven Years; And from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament. Which Act would have expired at the End of the next Session of Parliament after the Two and Twentieth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Two; which Session began the Ninth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and



and Three, and ended the Third Day of *April*, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four. But by another Act of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth Year of his said late Majesties Reign, intituled, *An Act for continuing an Act, intituled, An Act That the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath, in the usual Form*, was continued for the Term of Eleven Years, after the Determination of the said Act; And from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament. And whereas the said several Acts will expire at the End of the next Session of Parliament, after the Third Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen. Now for the further avoiding of the Inconveniencies in the said first recited Act, mentioned to the People called *Quakers*, and their Families, Be it enacted by the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That the said first recited Act, And all the Clauses and Powers therein contained, shall continue, and be in Force, as to all Oaths by Law required, or hereafter to be required, other than and except as in the said first recited Act is excepted for and during the Term of Years, after the Determination of the said last mentioned Act, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament.

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*Die Veneris, 30 Die Maii, 1712.*

**H**odie i ma vice lecta est Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing an Act, intituled, An Act That the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form.*

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a 2d time on *Monday* next at one a Clock.

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This Bill passed the House of LORDS on the 3d of *June*, 1712.

And a Message was sent to the House of *Commons*, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Dormer*, to carry down the said Bill, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Copia vera,

*John Walker*, Deputy to  
*Matth. Johnson*, Cleri. Parliament.

Which Bill was Read a First Time in the House of *Commons*, and Ordered to be Read a Second Time before the Parliament was Prorogued.

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*In an Act for Rectifying Mistakes in the Names of the Commissioners for the Land-Tax for the Tear 1714, is the following Clause.*

**A**D whereas there are Divers Laws now in force, which will expire at the End of this Session of Parliament, and probably there may not be sufficient Time for a particular Examination and due Consideration, how far any of them may be fit to be further continued; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws now in force, and which would expire at the end of this Session of Parliament, shall be and continue in full force to all Intents and Purposes unto the end of the next Session of Parliament; any thing contained in any of the said Laws to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.



In an Act for Reducing the Land Tax for the Year 1714  
the following Clause

And whereas there are divers Acts now in Force which  
will expire at the end of this Session of Parliament  
and probably there may not be sufficient time for a par-  
liament to be called in the next Session, for any of them  
may be so to be further continued: be it therefore enacted by  
the said Majesty's most Excellent Majesty King George the Third  
that he and continue in full force to all intents and purposes  
until the end of the next Session of Parliament; any thing  
contained in any of the said Acts to the contrary thereof in  
anywise notwithstanding.

Vote of parliament  
about 1714  
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